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1. The election of Members of the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) is governed by the provisions of the Statute of the AUCIL and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

2. The AUCIL was established on the basis of Article 5(2) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union as an advisory organ of the Union. The Statute of the AUCIL under Article 3 provides that the AUCIL membership consists of eleven (11) members, who have “recognized competence in international law, who are nationals of Member States and who shall serve in their personal capacities.” Furthermore, Article 3 (2) of the Statute states that the AUCIL shall not include more than one (1) national from the same State.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 (2) of the Statute, the AUCIL Members are elected for a period of five (5) years and are eligible for re-election only once.

4. It will be recalled that the Central African Region did not submit a female candidate for election during the July, 2018 Summit. Accordingly Assembly vide decision Assembly/AU/Dec.701(XXXI) decided, inter alia:

“that the election of one (1) Female Member of the African Union Commission on International Law, from the Central Region shall take place in February 2019 during the Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council.”

5. Accordingly, the Commission, in its Note Verbal No. BC/OLC/42.23/2159.18, dated 20 September 2018, informed all Member States from the Central African Region of the need to nominate female candidates for election during the February 2019 Summit. The Commission, through Note Verbale No. BC/OLC/42.23/2451.18 dated 12 November 2018, extended the deadline for submission of candidatures to 26 November, 2018.

6. The Commission would like to inform the Executive Council that the candidatures received by the Commission from the Member States from the Central African Region are as follows:

NO.	NAME	COUNTRY	REGION	Gender
1	Tomassa Bisia ELA NCHAMA	Equatorial Guinea	Central	F

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